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Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) N-204A

P1. Other Identifier: Space Technology Bldg.

***P2. Location:** ☒ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted

***a. County** Santa Clara

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad** San Francisco North, Calif.

Date: 1995

***c. Address** 325 King Road

City Moffett Field

Zip 94035

***e. Other Locational Data:**

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries.)

Building N-204A is located on King Road. The building has a concrete foundation, painted concrete walls, and a flat roof. It is connected on the east side to Building 206A, forming an "L" shape. Building N-204A's massing is simple, with minimal ornamental detail. A simple metal coping caps the building at the top. The building has simple, flat, horizontal concrete bands that run across each façade. These bands give definition to the first and second floors. Building N-204A has three over three wood, awning windows at both the first and second floor, sandwiched between the horizontal concrete bands. At several window openings, metal louvers take the place of the awning windows. The concrete piers separating the groups of windows have scoring that aligns with the window mullions. The building has no clear main entry. Entry into the building is via utilitarian metal flush doors that are located in random locations. Building N204A has been retrofitted with an exterior steel stair with concrete treads on the south side. The building size is approximately 6,300 sq. ft.

This building appears to be in good condition.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (list attributes and codes) HP39 – Other, Research

***P4. Resources Present:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5a. Photo



P5b. Photo: (view and date)
View of west façade, (8/04/05)

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1955

***P7. Owner and Address:**
United States of America as
represented by National Aeronautics
and Space Administration (NASA)

***P8. Recorded by:**
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***P9. Date Recorded:** 08/04/05

***P10. Survey Type:**
Reconnaissance

***P11. Report Citation:** Architectural Resources Group, *Building Evaluations, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California* (July 27, 2001)

***Attachments:** ☐ None ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☐ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (list)

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***Resource Name or # N-204A**

- B1. Historic name:
B2. Common name: Space Technology Building Annex
B3. Original Use: B4. Present use:

***B5. Architectural Style:** Moderne with 20th-Century Industrial influences

***B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
1955 – Date of Construction

*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

***B8. Related Features:**

Significant architectural features include concrete exterior, paneled wood doors and wood-sash awning windows.

B9a. Architect: National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) Engineers

b. Builder:

***B10. Significance:** Theme Post-War Science and Space Exploration Area NASA Ames Research Center

Period of Significance	1940-1958	Property Type	Research Support Facility	Applicable Criteria	1 & 3
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(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

Originally known as the Ames Vertical Gun Range, Building N-204A was built as an annex to Building N-204 - Space Technology. It was one of several research and support buildings built between 1940 and 1958. Originally founded in 1940, the Ames Research Center was the second aeronautic research facility built for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). This research center was vital in the development of the field of aeronautical research and science. Along with new research facilities, such as wind tunnels and testing facilities, several support buildings were constructed for the staff, including offices, machine shops, manufacturing facilities, and laboratories. During this time period, these research and support buildings were rendered in an architectural vocabulary, which allowed for a variety of uses and a cohesive campus setting. These buildings were most often, one and two stories in height with concrete structural systems, unpainted concrete exteriors (with scored concrete detailing), and steel or wood-sash awning or hopper windows. They expressed Moderne architectural details with their scored exteriors, tripartite concrete panels (located between windows and doors), concrete entry canopies, and rectilinear configurations. Additionally, these buildings exhibited influences of 20th-Century Industrial architecture with their smooth, concrete exteriors and steel-sash awning and hopper windows. Today, the exterior of this building retains more historical significance than the interior, which has been altered over time. Building N-204a possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The interior alterations have altered the building's original use and function and subsequently, the building lacks interior integrity. It is contiguous with Building N-206A.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) (HP39) – Other, Research

***B12. References:**

- Architectural Resources Group, *Building Evaluations, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California* (July 27, 2001).
- Edwin Hartman, *Adventures in Research: A History of Ames Research Center, 1940 – 1965* (NASA SP-4302, 1970).
- Elizabeth A. Muenger, *Searching the Horizon: A History of Ames Research Center, 1940 – 1976* (NASA SP-4304, 1985).
- Glenn Burgos, *Atmosphere of Freedom: Sixty Years at the NASA Ames Research Center* (NASA SP-4314, 2000).

B13. Remarks:

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